

Sea Breezes

The editor of this department is at all times ready to give the readers of the Press the latest ideas on all subjects. So many requests have reached him, however, for the latest ideas for spring and fall styles that this subject necessarily takes precedence.

Will you please give me an idea for a spring hat—something a little out of the ordinary? Mrs. G. P.

A very tasteful straw hat for the spring may be made by taking one of your husband's old straw hats, ripping the band off and running an eel skin around the top. Make a pom pom of cauliflower or lettuce, sprayed with yellow ribbon, and place it on the right side. Another idea which has been sent us by Madame De Sprouts of Paris, is a most excellent one; take an old high hat such as was worn during the Cleveland campaign of 1884, run a honeysuckle braid around the brim, ornament the sides with hand-painted sunflowers, and sew on the top a small green cabbage. This may be worn with or without streamers. Either of these hats would suit a person with a pug nose and would be no thoroughly unconventional as to be noticeable.

I am a widow. My husband passed away six months ago. What sort of bonnet would I wear? Mrs. B. G. R.

The regulation widow's bonnet is made by hollowing out a medium-sized egg plant and basting a salt mackerel on the side. This should be worn with a veil.

A bet they are wearing pompadours this summer. I bet no. Who wins? Tessie B.

Pompadours, unless they be made of one's own hair, are not the thing this fall. The proper way to wear one's hair now is done up in a chow on top of the head in the shape of an interrogation point. If it refuses to stay it may be coaxed with a little beeswax.

I have fifteen yards of lovely pearl de cygne I want to make into a skirt. Will you give me some idea of how it should be made? Miss R. C.

A popular skirt will be one with a deep Spanish flounce, on which flounce there are tucked three false tucks of blue jeans about two inches wide. The slight fullness at the bottom of the skirt may be disposed of by small sinkers. The waist is piped with mohair. The yoke is of inexpensive but effective all over lace in cerise or coffee color, trimmed with Axminster. Use a collar of spider webs.

You will pardon a young man who is painfully diffident for asking you what he should wear on a Sunday afternoon call upon a young lady he has known only six weeks; also how long he should stay, and what he should converse about? Robert M.

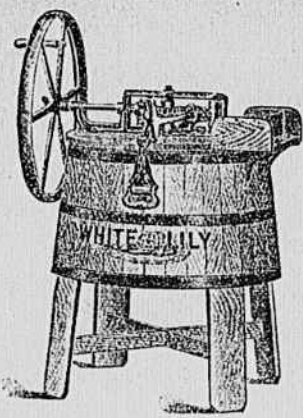
A long cutaway of musvelling reaching to the knee; a waistcoat of mauve pongee; a pink puff tie; tan shoes, openwork socks, a Waterbury watch and a waxed moustache. So far as dress is concerned this will put you some 21 feet—except you had better provide yourself with a pair of shepherd's plaid trousers. 2. Put in appearance about four o'clock, send in your card, take a seat on the edge of the mohair lounge, brace yourself to keep from sliding off, and await developments. It is difficult to say how long you should remain. You cannot remain until you get tired; that would be too long. You cannot remain until she gets tired, because she will not let you know when she is. Suppose you make it three-quarters of an hour. 3. Don't talk at all. Let her do the talking. You listen. When you go away she will say you are the nicest fellow she ever met—so interesting—such a delightful conversationalist, such a dear appreciative fellow, etc., etc.

Is it considered good form to wear Russian blouses this summer? X. Y.

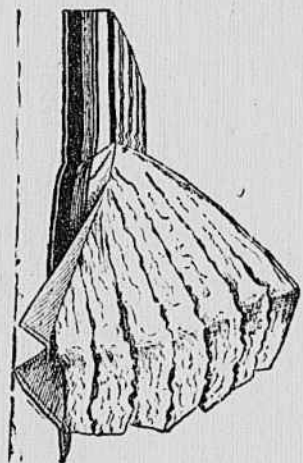
No; they spoil any form you put them on.

Algrets will be much worn this year. Coral, Brazilian brass and clam shell are the popular materials to select from. Sleeves are made long and rolled up. Bouquets of lawn grass or timothy hay may be worn with propriety at the corsage.

A long coat that promises to be much worn falls in deep folds from the waist, and it is so cut that the stripes meander on the bias. Instead of taking a straight line the bottom ricorlets down in front, up at the sides and dips again in the back. The bodice part has a vest inset between the bias Nile green silk fronts, and upon this are narrow bands of the same shade of cabbage leaves embroidered in white. Seven tiny mauve doliies cover the centre from throat to



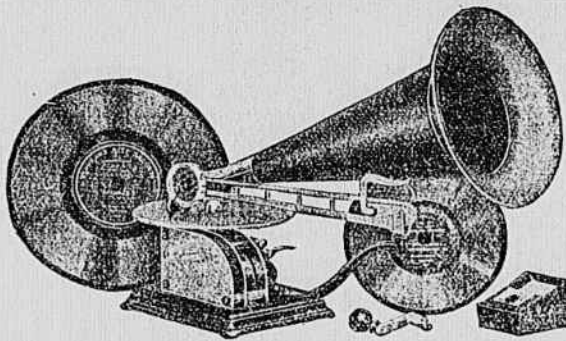
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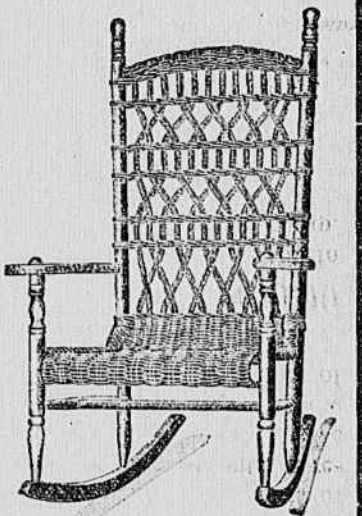
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For a good many years the governments of all nations in which warfare has been reduced to a science have been in search of a fuse that should perfectly combine the elements of safety and efficiency—a fuse that would cause the explosion of a projectile at a time calculated to do the most damage to the enemy, and that could be relied upon not to work destruction among those that handled it. This "long-felt want" has at last been perfectly supplied by Charles P. Watson, a Brooklyn boy, who, after prolonged wanderings over the face of the earth, has at last settled down in Pittsburgh to make his fortune. That the little death-dealer his busy brain has evolved will do the work is sufficiently proved by the facts that it is used by the Japanese navy, and has played no small nor unimportant part in the reduction of Port Arthur, and in the anchoring of the Russian fleets safely in the bottoms of the Yellow sea and the Pacific ocean; that it has been adopted by the United States, and is now used exclusively on American war vessels, and that it has been tested by several European governments with results so satisfactory that it is almost a certainty that they will soon join the procession and adopt this latest production of the world's workshop at the head of the Ohio river.

The explosive shell is the one thing upon which reliance must be placed to win a battle—and the Alpha and Omega of the shell is the little fuse—which has hitherto proved a mighty uncertain quantity. It has often happened that shells have exploded before they left the muzzle of the gun, bursting the gun and spreading death and destruction in all directions. Sometimes it explodes just after leaving the muzzle, and very often in mid-air—in the former case a menace to those who fired it, and in the latter quite harmless to the enemy. Then, still more frequently, it fails to explode at all, and, even if

it does strike the object aimed at, does little or no damage. After the battle of Manila Admiral Dewey stated that fully 25 per cent of the Spanish shells which struck his vessel glanced off without exploding. And after the battle of Santiago it was found that probably 50 per cent of the shells of the American fleet had failed to explode. Some had penetrated four inches into solid oak and others had knocked over a stone wall and buried themselves in the ground without exploding. Now, it should be remembered that the issue of a battle may depend upon a single shot, which may disable a gun crew or sink a torpedo boat at just the critical moment. An unreliable fuse may therefore render vain and worthless the best directed efforts of "the man behind the gun," or it may cause much more damage to the men behind the gun than to those in front of it. Without a safe, efficient and thoroughly reliable fuse the whole science of gunnery may come to naught, the best-laid plans of Admirals and boards of strategy may be in vain and the finest navy that ever floated the seas may fall in the very hour of need. The fuse, therefore, has an importance out of all proportion to its size. Although only three inches long, it may decide the fate of a nation.

The Watson fuse consists of an exterior case or jacket made of Tobin bronze, with a tensile strength of 56,275 pounds per square inch. This jacket is to be screwed into the rear end of any ordinary projectile. Inside of the jacket is the plunger, on the rear end of which is a short steel spring that holds the plunger forward. On the front end of the plunger is the firing pin, and around this curve two little steel jaws, or "safety wings." In front of the plunger is the primer plug, screwed into the jacket of the fuse and which lock the safety wings when in armed position. It may be well to explain that the fuse is said to be "armed" when in position to cause the explosion of the shell on striking an object, and "unarmed" when not in such position.

The fuse, as screwed into the projectile, is, of course, unarmed. The little steel jaws are provided with slight projections that fit inside of the hub of the primer plug, locking there and making it impossible for the pin that detonates the primer to come in contact with it. When the projectile leaves the muzzle of the gun, driven by the force of the explosive behind it, the plunger is held back by its own inertia and is kept back by the constant acceleration of the projectile.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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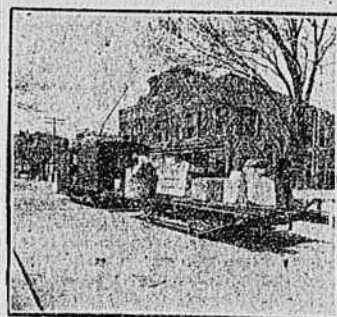


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